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To: the Chief, Wireline Competition Bureau

## APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER IN THE STATE OF VIRGINIA

ALLTEL Communications, Inc. on behalf of itself and its wholly-owned and controlled licensee affiliates ("ALLTEL"), and pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), hereby petitions the Commission for designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier ("ETC") throughout its licensed service area in the State of Virginia. As demonstrated below, ALLTEL meets all the statutory and regulatory prerequisites for ETC designation, and ALLTEL's designation will serve the public interest

### I. ALLTEL's Universal Service Offering

ALLTEL is the licensee authorized to provide cellular mobile radiotelephone service in Virginia in the following Cellular Market Areas 43, 59, 85, 104, 203, 235, 256, 262, 681, 682, 684, 686, 687, 688, 689 and 691. The Company intends to obtain high cost loop support funding in both rural and non-rural areas to speed the delivery of advanced wireless services to the citizens of Virginia. As an ETC, ALLTEL will also offer a basic universal service package to subscribers who are eligible for Lifeline support. ALLTEL's service offering will be competitive with those of the incumbent local exchange carriers ("LECs").

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ALLTEL currently provides all the services and functionalities supported by the federal universal service program set forth in Section 54.101(a) of the Commission's rules throughout its cellular service area in Virginia. Upon designation as an ETC, ALLTEL will make available to consumers a universal service offering over its cellular network infrastructure, using the same antenna, cell-site, tower, trunking, mobile switching, and interconnection facilities used by the company to serve its existing cellular service customers.

II. ALLTEL Satisfies All the Statutory and Regulatory Prerequisites for Designation as an ETC.

ALLTEL satisfies each of the elements enumerated by the Commission for ETC designation pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Act as set forth in the FCC's Section 214(e)(6) Public Notice'.

A. Public Service Commission Has Provided an **Affirmative** Statement That It Does Not Regulate CMRS Carriers.

As a CMRS carrier, ALLTEL is entitled to seek designation as an ETC<sup>2</sup>. Section 254(e) of Act provides that "only an eligible telecommunications carrier designated under section 214(e) shall be eligible to receive specific Federal universal service support." Pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(6) of the Act, the Commission may, upon request, designate as an ETC "a common carrier providing telephone exchange service and exchange access that is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state commission."

In the *Section 214(e)(6) Public Notice*, the Commission established that a carrier must demonstrate it "is not subject to the jurisdiction of a state commission." In its *Twelfth Report and Order*, the Commission stated that where a carrier provides the Commission with an "affirmative statement" from the state commission or a court of competent jurisdiction that the state lacks jurisdiction to perform the designation, the Commission would consider requests filed pursuant to 214(e)(6).

Procedures for FCC Designation of Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act, Public Notice, 12 FCC Rcd 22947 (1997) ("Section 214(e)(6) Public Notice").

See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45, First Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd 8776,8858-59 (1997) Para. 145 ("First Report and Order").

Section 214(e)(6) Public Notice, at 22948.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service; Promoting Deployment and Subscribership in Unserved and Underserved Areas, Including Tribal and Insular Areas, Twelfth Report and Order, and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 15 FCC Red 12208,12264 (2000).

In 1995, the General Assembly of Virginia repealed Chapters 16.1 and 16.2 of Title 56 of the Code of Virginia relating to radio common carriers and cellular mobile radio communications carriers, thus divesting the Virginia State Corporation Commission of jurisdiction over the rates and services of cellular telephone service providers. Further, on October 23, 1995, in Case Number PUC950062, the Virginia State Corporation Commission issued a *Final Order* which states in part that the General Assembly of Virginia clearly established a public policy of deregulating radio common carriers and cellular carriers by repealing various provisions of the law that authorized the Commission to regulate these services. This *Final Order* went on to cancel all certificates of convenience and necessity granted to radio common carriers and cellular carriers and all tariffs filed by those carriers. Finally, on April 9, 2002, in the Application of Virginia Cellular, LLC (Case No. PUC010263) the Virginia State Corporation Commission stated

The Commission fmds that Section 214(e)(6) of the Act is applicable to Virginia Cellular's Application as this Commission has not asserted jurisdiction over CMRS carriers and that the Applicant should apply to the FCC for ETC designation.'

The Acts of the General Assembly and the Orders of the Virginia State Corporations Commission constitute an "affirmative statement" from Virginia, as required under Section 214(e)(6), that the FCC is the appropriate authority to consider ALLTEL's application for designation as an ETC in the state.

## B. ALLTEL Offers Each of the Services Supported by the Federal High-Cost Universal Service Program.

In order to be designated as an ETC, a carrier must be a common carrier and both offer and advertise the supported services throughout the designated service area. 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(1). The FCC has identified the following services and functionalities as the core services to be offered by an ETC and supported by federal universal service support mechanisms!

- 1. Voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network;
- 2. Local Usage;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> *Order*, Application of Virginia Cellular LLC for Designation as an Eligible Telecommunications Provider Under 47 U.S.C. Sec. 214(e)(2), Case No. PUC010263 (April 9,2002) at pages 4-5. See also, Virginia Cellular LLC Petition for Designation as an Eligible TelecommunicationsCarrier in the State of Virginia, CC Docket No. 96-45, (filedApril 26,2002) and Exhibit A thereto.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See, 47 C.F.R. Sec. 54.101(a).

- 3. Dual-tone, multi-frequency ("DTMF") signaling, or it functional equivalent;
- 4. Single-party service or its functional equivalent;
- 5. Access to emergency services;
- **6.** Access to operator services;
- 7. Access to interexchange service;
- 8. Access to directory assistance; and
- 9. Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers.

The Section 214(e)(6) Public Notice requires a carrier to certify that it provides each of the supported services, or where appropriate, functionally equivalent services.' As shown below and in the Declaration attached as Exhibit A hereto, ALLTEL currently provides, or will provide upon designation, each of the required services.

- 1. <u>Voice-erade access to the public switched teleuhone network.</u> The FCC concluded that voice-grade access means the ability to make and receive phone calls, within a specified bandwidth.'

  ALLTEL meets this requirement by providing voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network. Through its interconnection arrangements with LECs, each of ALLTEL's subscribers is able to make and receive calls on the public switched telephone network within the specified bandwith.
- Local Usage. ETC's must include local usage beyond providing simple access to the public switched network as part of a universal service offering. The FCC has not quantified a minimum amount of local usage required to be included in a universal service offering, but has initiated a separate proceeding to address this issue.' As it relates to local usage, the NPRM sought comments on a definition of the public service package that must be offered by all ETCs. Specifically, the FCC sought comments on how much, if any, local usage should be required to be provided to customers as part of a universal service offering.'' In the *First Report and Order*, the FCC deferred a determination on the amount of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Section 214(e)(6) Public Notice, ai 22948(?)

First Report and Order, at 8810-11.

See Federal and State Joint Board on Universal Service, Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 13 FCC Rcd 21252 (1998) ("October 1998 NPRM").

October 1998 NPRM, ai 21277-21281.

local usage that a carrier would be required to provide." Any minimum local usage requirement established by the FCC as a result of the *October 1998 NPRM* will be applicable to all designated ETCs, not simply wireless service providers. ALLTEL will comply with any and all minimum local usage requirements adopted by the FCC. ALLTEL will meet the local usage requirements by including local usage plans as part of its universal service offering.

- 3. <u>Dual-tone. multi-freauency ("DTMF") signaling</u>, or its functional equivalent. DTMF is a method of signaling that facilitates the transportation of call set-up and call detail information. Consistent with the principles of competitive and technological neutrality, the FCC permits carriers to provide signaling that is functionally equivalent to DTMF in satisfaction of this service requirement. 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a)(3). ALLTEL currently uses out-of-band digital signaling and ALLTEL therefore meets this requirement.
- 4. <u>Single-party service or its functional equivalent.</u> "Single-party service" means that only one party will be served by a subscriber loop or access line in contrast to a multi-party line. <sup>12</sup> The FCC concluded that a wireless provider offers the equivalent of single-party service when it offers a dedicated message path for the length of a user's particular transmission. <sup>13</sup> ALLTEL meets the requirement of single-party service in this manner.
- by dialing 911 is a required service in any universal service offering. Phase I E911 includes the capability of providing both automatic numbering information ("ANI") and automatic location information ("ALI"), but is only required if a public emergency service provider is capable of both receiving and utilizing the data and has made arrangements with carrier for the delivery of the data. ALLTEL currently provides its subscribers with access to emergency services by dialing 911 in accord with this requirement. It either provides, or will provide Phase I (and Phase II) E-911 services in accord with the E-911 deployment schedules agreed to by ALLTEL and the local or other governmental emergency service providers.

First Report and Order, at 8812. See also, Western Wireless Corporation, 16 FCC Rcd 48, 52-53 (2000), aff'd, FCC 01-311 (October 19,2001); Cellco Partnership, 16 FCC Rcd 39, 42 (2000).

First Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd at 8810.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>13</sup> Id.

- 6. Access to operator services. Access to operator services is defined as any automatic or live assistance provided to a consumer to arrange for the billing or completion, or both, of a telephone call. ALLTEL meets this requirement by providing each of its subscribers with access to operator services provided by either the Company or other entities (e.g. LECs, IXCs, etc.).
- Access to interexchange service. A universal service provider must offer consumers access to interexchange service to make and receive toll or interexchange calls. Equal access, however, is not required. "The FCC do[es] not include equal access to interexchange service among the services supported by universal service mechanisms." ALLTEL presently meets this requirement by providing all of its customers with the ability to make and receive interexchange or toll calls through direct interconnection arrangements between the Company and several IXCs. Additionally, customers are able to reach their IXC of choice by dialing the appropriate access code or dial-around number.
- 8. <u>Access to directory assistance</u>. The ability to place a call to directory assistance is a required service offering." ALLTEL meets this requirement by providing all of its customers with access to directory assistance by dialing "411" or "555-1212".
- 9. <u>Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers</u>. An ETC must offer either "toll control" or "toll blocking" services to qualifying Lifeline customers at no charge. The FCC no longer requires an ETC to provide both services as part of the toll limitation service required under 47 C.F.R §54.101(a)(9). In particular, all ETCs must provide toll blocking, which allows customers to block the completion of outgoing toll calls. ALLTEL currently has no Lifeline customers because only carriers designated as an ETC can participate in the provision of Lifeline service. See 47 C.F.R.§§54-400-415. Once designated as an ETC, ALLTEL will participate in Lifeline as required, and will provide toll blocking capability in satisfaction of the FCC's requirement. The Company provides toll-blocking

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> *See Id.*, at 8815-17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> *Id.*, at 8817-18.

<sup>16</sup> Id., at 8819.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> *Id.*, at 8821.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> See Universal Service Fourth Order on Reconsideration in CC Docket No. 96-45, Report and Order in CC Docket Nos. 96-45, 96-262, 94-1, 91-213, 95-72, 13 FCC Rcd 5318,5388 (1997).

First Report and Order, at 8821-22.

services. Accordingly, ALLTEL currently has the technology to provide toll blocking and will implement this technology to provide the service at no charge to its Lifeline customers.

### C. ALLTEL Will Offer Supported Services Through its Own Facilities

The Commission's *Section 214(e)(6) Public Notice* established that a carrier requesting designation must certify that it offers the supported services "either using its own facilities or a combination of its own facilities and resale of another carrier's services." ALLTEL will provide the supported services using its existing network infrastructure, which includes the same antenna, cell-site, tower, trunking, mobile switching, and interconnection facilities used by the company to serve its existing cellular service customers. See also Exhibit A hereto.

#### D. ALLTEL Will Advertise its Universal Service Offering.

ALLTEL will advertise the availability of the supported services and **the** corresponding charges in a manner that fully informs the general public within the designated service area of both the available services and the corresponding charges." ALLTEL currently advertises its wireless services through several different media. ALLTEL will use the same media of general distribution used for its cellular service to advertise its universal service offerings throughout the service areas designated by the Commission. ALLTEL will comply with all form and content requirements, if any, promulgated by the FCC in the future and required of all designated ETCs.

### III. ALLTEL Requests Designation Throughout Its Licensed Service Area in Virginia.

ALLTEL, in its capacity as a provider of cellular services, is not a "rural telephone company" as that term is defined by 47 U.S.C. 153(37). Accordingly, ALLTEL is required to describe the geographic area in which it requests designation.<sup>22</sup> ALLTEL requests ETC designation for its entire licensed service area in Virginia as depicted on the map attached hereto as Exhibit **B**.

Pursuant to Section 54.207 of the Commission's rules, a "service area" is a "geographic area established by a state commission for the purpose of determining universal service obligations and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Section 214 (e)(6) Public Notice, at 22949.

 $<sup>^{21}</sup>$  Id

<sup>22</sup> Id

support mechanisms." 47 C.F.R. §54.207(a). For non-rural service areas, there are no restrictions on how a state commission defines the "service area" for purposes of designating a competitive ETC. Therefore, the Commission may designate ALLTEL as an ETC in the non-rural wire centers set forth in Exhibit C attached hereto. To the extent ALLTEL serves only a portion of the wire center, ALLTEL requests ETC designation in that portion of the wire center where it provides service.

In an area served by a rural telephone company, the FCC's rules define "service area" to mean the LEC study area unless a different definition of service area is established for such company.<sup>23</sup> The rural LEC study areas that ALLTEL serves in their entirety are set forth in Exhibit D attached hereto. The Commission may designate ALLTEL as an ETC in those areas upon a fmding that such designation would be in the public interest (see Section V below).<sup>24</sup>

In situations where ALLTEL is not licensed to serve a mal ILEC study area in its entirety, ALLTEL may be designated as an ETC once the FCC redefines the ILEC's service area in accordance with FCC rule section 54.207(c)(1). Where ALLTEL serves only a portion of a wire center, it requests that it be designated as an ETC in that portion of the wire center in which it provides service.

The Virginia State Corporation Commission does not assert jurisdiction over CMRS carriers, including the designation of a cellular carrier as an ETC, therefore the FCC has jurisdiction to consider a redefinition of the ILEC service areas in Virginia for ETC purposes, as set forth in Section IV below.

#### IV. ALLTEL Requests that Affected Rural LEC Service Areas be Redefined.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. §54.207(c)(1), a petition to redefine a rural LEC service area must contain, "an analysis that takes into account the recommendations of any Federal-State Joint Board convened to provide recommendations with respect to the definition of a service area served by a rural telephone company." ALLTEL requests that the Commission redefine the service areas of Central Telephone Company – Virginia and United Inter-Mountain Telephone to exclude the wire centers listed in Exhibit E attached hereto. ALLTEL serves only a portion of the service area of these two companies. Accordingly, the Commission may prefer to define the wire centers that ALLTEL serves as one service area and the

See, 47 C.F.R. §54.207(b); . 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(2).

wire centers that ALLTEL does not serve as a separate service area. The wire centers ALLTEL does not serve are set forth in Exhibit E.

The FCC has adopted a plan for disaggregation of rural LEC study areas in its Fourteenth Report and Order, noting that such action "achieves a reasonable balance between rural carriers' needs for flexibility and the Commission's goal of encouraging competitive entry."<sup>25</sup> In the instant case, reclassifying rural LEC service areas for ETC purposes is necessary in order to facilitate competitive entry.

In the Recommended Decision that laid the foundation for the FCC's First Report and Order, the Federal-State Joint Board enumerated three factors to he considered when redefining a rural service area. First, the Joint Board advised the state commission to consider whether the competitive carrier is attempting to "cream skim" by only proposing to serve the lowest cost exchanges. 27 As a wireless carrier. ALLTEL is restricted to providing service in those areas where it is licensed to provide service by the FCC. ALLTEL is not picking and choosing the lowest cost exchanges, but rather ALLTEL has based its requested ETC area solely on the basis of its licensed service area, which it proposes to serve in its entirety. Second, the Joint Board urged the Commission to consider the rural carrier's special status under the Telecommunications Act of 1996.<sup>28</sup> In deciding whether to award ETC status to ALLTEL, the Commission will weigh numerous factors and will consider the manner in which the public interest is affected by an award of ETC status pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 214(e)(2). Congress mandated this public interest analysis in order to protect the special status of rural carriers in the same way it established special considerations for rural carriers with regard to interconnection, unbundling, and resale requirements.<sup>29</sup> Accordingly, if the Commission finds that ALLTEL's ETC designation is in the public interest, it has duly recognized the special status of the rural carrier for purposes of determining whether

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>25</sup> Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Multi-Association Group (MAG) Planfor Regulation & Interstate Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers, Fourteenth Report and Order, FCC 01-157, Docket 96-45, 23 CR 1338 (May 23, 2001) para. 144 ("Fourteenth Report and Order").

Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Recommended Decision, 12 FCC Rcd 87 (1996).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> Recommended Decision, 12 FCC Rcd 97, at para. 172.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> *Id* para. 173.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> *Id*.para 173.

ALLTEL's service area designation should be adopted for federal universal service funding purposes. No action in this proceeding will affect or prejudge any future action this Commission may take with respect to the LEC's status as a rural telephone company.

Finally, the Federal-State Joint Board recommended that the FCC consider the administrative burden a rural LEC may face by calculating its costs on a basis other than its entire study area." In the instant case, ALLTEL is proposing to redefine rural LEC service areas solely for ETC designation purposes. Redefining service areas for ETC purposes will in no way impact the way the affected rural LECs calculate their costs, but it is solely to determine the LEC area in which ALLTEL is to be designated as an ETC. LECs may disaggregate their study areas to reallocate high cost loop support payments pursuant to the FCC's Fourteenth Report and Order." Accordingly, redefining rural LEC service areas as proposed herein will not impose any additional burdens on rural LECs.

#### V. Granting This Application Will Serve the Public Interest.

ALLTEL is seeking designation in areas served by rural LECs. The FCC must therefore consider the public interest factors supporting ALLTEL's application prior to designating it as an ETC pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(6). Designating ALLTEL as an ETC in Virginia would further the public interest by bringing the benefits of additional competition and service offerings to an under served marketplace.

The FCC has recognized the advantages wireless carriers can bring to the universal service program. In particular, the FCC has found that "imposing additional burdens on wireless entrants would be particularly harmful to competition in rural areas, where wireless carriers could potentially offer service at much lower costs than traditional wireline service."<sup>32</sup> One of the principal goals of the Telecommunications Act of 1996 was to "promote competition and reduce regulation in order to secure lower prices and higher quality services for American telecommunications consumers and encourage the

Id.para 174.
 Fourteenth Report and Order, Multi-Association Group (MAG) Planfor Regulation of Interstate
 Funkange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers Federal-State Journal Services of Non-Price Cap Incumbent Local Exchange Carriers and Interexchange Carriers Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, Second Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 25 CR 1 (November 8, 2001).

<sup>32</sup> First Report and Order, 12 FCC Rcd. 8776,8882-8883.

rapid deployment of new telecommunications technologies."<sup>33</sup> Competition drives down prices and promotes the development of advanced communications as carriers vie for a consumer's business.

In its decision to designate Western Wireless as an ETC in the State of Wyoming, the FCC observed, "Designation of competitive ETCs promotes competition and benefits consumers in rural and high-cost areas by increasing customer choice, innovative services, and new technologies." Similarly, in designating the cellular carrier Smith Bagley, Inc. as an ETC in Arizona, the state commission found competitive entry to provide additional consumer choice and a potential solution to "health and safety risks associated with geographic isolation." More recently, in designating Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. as an ETC in the territory of Guam, the Commission found that the designation of Guamcell as an ETC in the area served by the rural LEC in Guam would serve the public interest "by promoting competition and the provision of new technologies to consumers in high cost and rural areas in Guam."

Designating ALLTEL as an ETC will bring to consumers the benefits of competition, including increased choices, higher quality service, and lower rates. In a competitive market, rural consumers will be able to choose the services that best meet their communications needs. With a choice of service providers, the consumer is able to select a provider based on service quality, service availability, and rates.

The public interest standard under Section 214(e)(2) for designating ETCs in territories served by rural LECs emphasizes competition and consumer benefit, not protection of the incumbent LEC. In considering the impact that Western Wireless' ETC designation would have on rural telephone companies, the Commission noted, "[W]e believe that competition may provide incentives to the incumbent to implement new operating efficiencies, lower prices, and offer better service to its customers." Further, Congress has mandated that universal service provisions be "competitively neutral" and "necessary to preserve and advance universal service." See, 47 U.S.C. §253(b). Designating

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Telecommunications Act of 1996, Public Law, 104-104, 100 Stat. 56 (1996).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>34</sup> Western Wireless Corporation, DA 00-2896 (released December 26, 2000) ("Wyoming Order"), 16 FCC Rcd. 48, 55; aff'd, FCC 01-311 (released October 19, 2001), at para.17.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>35</sup> Smith Bugley, Inc., Order, Decision No. 63269, Docket No. T-02556A-99-0207 (Arizona, December 15, 2001), at p. 12.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>36</sup> Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc., DA 02-174, (released January 25, 2002).

ALLTEL as an ETC would provide those consumers in covered rural areas in Virginia another choice for advanced telecommunications services.

ALLTEL will implement a variety of service offerings and rate plans that will be both competitive with incumbent LEC service offerings and affordable to Virginia's consumers. ALLTEL commits that its local calling area will be at least as large as the incumbent LEC. Indeed, ALLTEL believes that in all cases its local calling area will be substantially larger, thereby affording consumers the opportunity to reduce the intra-LATA toll charge typically associated with the service of rural LECs.

ALLTEL commits to use available federal high cost support for its intended purposes – the construction, maintenance and upgrading of facilities serving the rural areas. ALLTEL can conceive of no business plan for remote rural areas that can support the deployment of a wireless network sufficiently robust to compete on a level playing field with incumbent LECs in the absence of the subsidy high cost support provides. Indeed, without the high cost program it is doubtful that many rural areas would have wireline telephone service even today. Provision of high cost support to ALLTEL will begin to level the playing field with the incumbent LECs and make available, possibly for the first time, a potential competitor for primary telephone service in remote areas of Virginia.

### VI. High Cost Certification

Under Sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's rules, carriers wishing to obtain high-cost support must either be certified by the appropriate state commission or, where the state commission does not exercise jurisdiction, must self-certify with the FCC and the Universal Service Administration Corporation ("USAC") their compliance with Section 254(e) of the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. As explained above, the Virginia State Corporations Commission does not exercise jurisdiction over CMRS carriers such as ALLTEL. Therefore, in accordance with Section 54.313(b) and 54.314(b), ALLTEL has submitted its high-cost certification with the FCC and USAC. A copy of this certification is attached hereto as Exhibit F.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>37</sup> *Id.* at para.22.

ALLTEL respectfully requests that the Commission issue a finding that ALLTEL has met the high-cost certification requirement and that ALLTEL is, therefore, entitled to begin receiving high-cost support as of the date it receives a grant of ETC status in order that funding will not be delayed.<sup>38</sup>

### VII. Anti-Drug Abuse Certification

ALLTEL certifies that no party to this petition is subject to a denial of federal benefits, including FCC benefits, pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse Act of 1988, 21 U.S.C. §862. See Exhibit G hereto.

#### VIII. Conclusion

ALLTEL respectfully request the Commission to designate it as an ETC on an expedited basis.

Respectfully submitted,

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>38</sup> See Cellular South License, Inc. Petitionfor Waiver of FCC Rule Section 54.313, filed January 9,2002, Guam Cellular and Paging, Inc. Petitionfor Waiver of FCC Rule Section 54.314, filed February 6,2002 para. 11.

## EXHIBIT A DECLARATION

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#### **EXHIBIT A**

### DECLARATION UNDER PENATLY OF PERJURY

- I, Glenn S. Rabin, do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:
- 1. I am an authorized representative of ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL,") with respect to ALLTEL's application for designation as an eligible telecommunications carrier ("ETC") in the State of Virginia. This affidavit is submitted in support that application.
- 2. ALLTEL is the licensee authorized to provide cellular radiotelephone service in Virginia, and is authorized to provide service in the requested ETC area described in this application.
- 3. ALLTEL is not subject to state commission jurisdiction in the State of Virginia. ALLTEL is seeking designation as an ETC under Section 214(e)(6) of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended.
  - 4. ALLTEL meets the criteria for ETC designation as detailed below.
- 5. ALLTEL is a "common carrier" for purposes of obtaining ETC designation pursuant to 47 U.S.C. §214(e)(1). A 'common carrier" is generally defined in 47 U.S.C. §153(10) as a person engaged as a common carrier on a for-hire basis in interstate communications by wire or radio. Section 20.9(a)(7) of the Commission's Rules provides that cellular service is a common carrier service. *See* 47 C.F.R. §20.9(a)(7).
- 6. ALLTEL currently offers and is able to provide, within its designated service areas, the services and functionalities identified in 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a). Each of these services and functionalities is discussed more fully below.
- a. <u>Voice-made access to the public switched telephone network.</u> The FCC concluded that voice-grade access means the ability to make and receive phone calls, within a specified bandwidth. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service, CC Docket No. 96-45. First Report and Order*, 12 FCC Rcd 8776, 8810-11 (1997) ("*Universal Service Order*"). ALLTEL meets this requirement by providing voice-grade access to the public switched telephone network. Through its interconnection arrangements with local telephone companies, including BellSouth Telecomm, Inc. ("BellSouth"), all customers of ALLTEL are able to make and receive calls on the public switched telephone network within the specified bandwidth.
- b. <u>Local Usage</u>. Beyond providing access to the public switched network, an ETC must include local usage as part of a universal service offering. To date, the FCC has not quantified a minimum amount of local usage required to be included in a universal service offering, but has initiated a separate proceeding to address this issue. *See Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, *Memorandum Opinion and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking*, 13 FCC Rcd 21252 (1998) ("October 1998 NPRM"). As it relates to local usage, the NPRM sought comments on a definition of the public service package that must be offered by all ETCs. Specifically, the FCC sought comments on how much, *if any*, local usage should be required to be provided to customers as part of a universal service offering, October 1998 NPRM at 21277-21281. In the Universal Service Order, the FCC deferred a determination on the amount of local usage that a carrier would be required to provide. Universal Service Order at 8813. Any minimum local usage requirement established by the FCC as a result of the October 1998 NPRM will be applicable to all designated ETCs, not simply wireless service providers. ALLTEL will comply with any and all minimum local usage requirements adopted by the

FCC. ALLTEL will meet the local usage requirements by including local usage as part of its universal service offering.

- Dual-tone. multi-freauency ("DTMF") signaling, or its functional eauivalent. DTMF is a method of signaling that facilitates the transportation of call set-up and call detail information. Consistent with the principles of competitive and technological neutrality, the FCC permits carriers to provide signaling that is functionally equivalent to DTMF in satisfaction of this service requirement. 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a)(3). ALLTEL currently uses out-of-band digital signaling that is functionally equivalent to DTMF signaling. ALLTEL therefore meets the requirement to provide DTMF signaling or its functional equivalent.
- d. <u>Single-party service or its functional equivalent</u>. "Single-party service" means that only one party will be served by a subscriber loop or access line in contrast to a multi-party line. *Universal Service Order* at 8810. The FCC concluded that a wireless provider offers the equivalent of single-party service when it offers a dedicated message path for the length of a user's particular transmission. *Universal Service Order* at 8810. ALLTEL meets the requirement of single-party service by providing a dedicated message path for the length of all customer calls.
- e. Access to emergency services. The ability to reach a public emergency service provider by dialing 911 is a required service in any universal service offering. Phase I E911 includes the capability of providing both automatic numbering information ("ANI") and automatic location information ("ALI"), but is only required if a public emergency service provider is capable of both receiving and utilizing the data and has made arrangements with carrier for the delivery of the data.<sup>39</sup> ALLTEL currently provides its subscribers with access to emergency services by dialing 911 in accord with this requirement. It either provides, or will provide Phase I (and Phase II) E-911 services in accord with the E-911 deployment schedules agreed to by ALLTEL and the local or other governmental emergency service providers.
- f. Access to operator services. Access to operator services is defined as any automatic or live assistance provided to a consumer to arrange for the billing or completion, or both, of a telephone call. *Universal Service Order*, 8817-18. ALLTEL meets this requirement by providing all of its customers with access to operator services provided by either the Company or other entities (*e.g.*, LECs, IXCs, etc.).
- g. Access to interexchange services. A universal service provider must offer consumers access to interexchange service to make and receive toll or interexchange calls. Equal access, however, is not required, "The FCC do[es] not include equal access to interexchange service among the services supported by universal service mechanisms." *Universal Service Order* at 8819. ALLTEL presently meets this requirement by providing all of is customers with the ability to make and receive interexchange or toll calls through direct interconnection arrangements between the Company and each of several IXCs. Additionally, customers are able to reach their IXC of choice by dialing the appropriate access code or dial-around number.
- h. <u>Access to directory assistance</u>. The ability to place a call to directory assistance is a required service offering. *Universal Service Order* at 8821. ALLTEL meets this requirement by providing all of its customers with access to directory assistance by dialing "411" or "555-1212".
- 1. <u>Toll limitation for qualifying low-income consumers</u>. **An** ETC must offer either "toll control" or "toll blocking" services to qualifying Lifeline customers at no charge. The FCC no longer requires an ETC to provide both services as part of the toll limitation service required under 47 C.F.R. §54.101(a)(9). *See Universal Service Fourth Order on Reconsideration*, FCC 97-420 (Dec. 30, 1997). In particular, all ETCs must provide toll blocking, which allows customers to block the completion of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>39</sup> See Id., at 8815-17.

outgoing toll calls. *Universal Service Order*, at 8821-22. ALLTEL currently has no Lifeline customers because only carriers designated as an ETC can participate in Lifeline. *See* 47 C.F.R. §54.400-415. Once designated as an ETC, ALLTEL will participate in Lifeline as required, and will provide toll blocking capability in satisfaction of the FCC's requirement. Today, the Company provides toll-blocking services. Accordingly, ALLTEL currently has the technology to provide toll blocking and will use this technology to provide the service to its Lifeline customers, at no charge, as part of its universal service offerings.

7. ALLTEL will provide the supported services using is existing network infrastructure, which includes the same antenna, cell-site, tower, trunking, mobile switching, and interconnection facilities used by the company to serve its existing conventional mobile cellular service customers.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on 7003, 2003.

Its Authorized Representative

## EXHIBIT B MAP OF SERVICE AREA

## EXHIBIT C NON – RURAL WIRE CENTERS

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Non Rural Service Areas Where ALLTEL is Licensed			
COMPANY	COUNTY	WIRE CENTER	CLLI
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Brunswick County	ALBERTA	ALBRVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Amhent County	AMHERST	AMHRVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Appomanox County	APPOMATTOX	APMTVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Mecklenburg County	BOYDTON	BMNVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Southampton County	BOYKINS	BYKNVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INC -VA (CONTEL)	Southampton County	CAPRON	CPRNVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Isle of Wight County	CARROLLTON	CRTDVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Mecklenburg County	CHASE CITY	CSCYVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Chesapeake city	CHESAPEAKE	HCKRVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Chesapeake city	CHESAPEAKE	GRBRVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INC -VA (CONTEL)	Mecklenburg County	CLARKSVILLE	CLVLVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Southampton County	COURTLAND	CRLDVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Surry County	DENDRON	DNDRVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Prince George County	DISPUTANTA	DSPAVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Hanover County	DOSWELL	DSWLVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Greensville County	EMPORIA	EMPRVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Mecklenburg County	EPPES FORK	EPFKVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Franklin city	FRANKLIN	FKLNVAXB
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Appomattox County	GLADSTONE	GLDSVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Gloucester County	GLOUCESTER	GLCSVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Chesapeake city	GREAT BRIDGE	GRBRVAXB
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Brunswick County	GUSBURG	SBWKVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Hanover County	HANOVER	HNVRVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Gloucester County	HAYES	HAYSVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINC,-VA (CONTEL)	Southampton County	IVOR	IVORVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Sussex County	JARRATT	JRRNAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Brunswick County	LAWRENCEVILLE	LRVLVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Hanover County 7	MECHANICSVILLE	OLCHVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINGVA (CONTEL)	Amhent County	MONROE	ALWDVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINC,-VA (CONTEL)	Isle of Wight County	SMITHFIELD	SMFDVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Prince George County	SPG GROVE	CLMTVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Sussex County	STONY CRK	STCKVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Suffolk city	SUFFOLK	HLLDVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Suffolk city	SUFFOLK	CHKTVAXA
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA (CONTEL)	Surry County	SURRY	SRRWAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Virginia Beach city	VA BCH	PRANVAXB
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Virginia Beach city	VIRGINIA BEACH	PUNGVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Virginia Beach city	VIRGINIA BEACH	PRANVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Sussex County	WAKEFIELD	WKFDVAXA
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA (CONTEL)	Isle of Wight County	WINDSOR	WNDSVAXA
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Wise County	APPALACHIA	APLCVAAP
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Nelson County	ARRINGTON	PNRWAPR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Hanover County	ASHLAND	ASLDVAAS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Bedford County	BEDFORD	BDFRVABD
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesterfield County	BETHIA	BTHIVABT
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Bedford County	BIG ISLAND	BGISVABI
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Wise County	BIG STONE GAP	BSGPVABG
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Russell County	CASTLEWOOD	DCVLVADV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Charles City County	CHARLES CITY	CHCYVACC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Pittsylvania County	CHATHAM	CHHMVACH
VERGEOR VIRGINIA INO.	. mogritaria County	OT 17 TE 17 11VI	31 11 11V1 V / 101 1

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COMPANY	COUNTY	WIRE CENTER	CLLI
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Portsmouth city	CHESAPEAKE	CHSKVACD
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesapeake city	CHESAPEAKE	CHSKVAGU
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesapeake city	CHESAPEAKE	CHSKVADC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesterfield County	CHESTER	CHESVACR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Dinwiddie County	CHURCHROAD	WHOKVAWO
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Dickenson County	CLINTWOOD	CLWDVACW
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Dickenson County	CLINTWOOD	CLNCVACL
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Halifax County	CLOVER	CLVRVACL
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Wise County	COEBURN	COBNVACB
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Colonial Heights city	COLONIAL HTS	CLHGVACO
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Campbell County	CONCORD	CNCRVACN
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Madison County	CRIGLERSVILLE	CGVLVACL
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Culpeper County	CULPEPER	CLPPVARV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Culpeper County	CULPEPER	CLPPVACU
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Culpeper County	CULPEPER	CLPPVAGR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Russell County	DANTE	DANNADA
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Pittsylvania County	DANVILLE	DAVLVAFP
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Buchanan County	DAVENPORT	DVPNADP
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Dinwiddie County	DINWIDDIE	DNWDVADW
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Goochland County	GOOCHLAND	FIFEVAFI
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Goochland County	GOOCHLAND	GCLDVAGO
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Nelson County	GREENWOOD	GNWDVAGW
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Hampton city	HAMPTON	HMPNVAWD
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Hampton city	HAMPTON	HMPNVAQN
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	York County	HAMPTON	HMPNVADC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Hampton city	HAMPTON	HMPNVAAB
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Dickenson County	HAYSI	HYSIVAHY
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Russell County	HONAKER	HNKRVAHK
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Hopewell city	HOPEWELL	HPWLVAHW
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Lee County	JONESVILLE	JNVLVAJV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Russell County	LEBANON	LBNNVALB
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Russell County	LEBANON	SWCKVASC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Culpeper County	LIGNUM	CLPPVALI
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Nelson County	LOVINGSTON	LVTNVALN
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Lynchburg city	LYNCHBURG	LYBGVACV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Campbell County	LYNCHBURG	LYBGVAYB
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Bedford County	LYNCHBURG	LYBGVANL
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Lynchburg city	LYNCHBURG	LYBGVATM
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Bedford County	LYNCHBURG	LYBGVAOF
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Lynchburg city	LYNCHBURG	LYBGVACH
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Amhent County	LYNCHBURG	LYBGVAMH
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Madison County	MADISON	MDSNVAMA
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Goochland County	MANAKIN	MNKNVAMN
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Dinwiddie County	MCKENNEY	MCKWAMK
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Hanover County	MECHANICSVILLE	MCHWAMV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesterfield County	MIDLOTHIAN	MDLNAMD
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Nelson County	NELLYSFORD	NLFRVANF
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Newport News city	NEWPORT NEWS	NWNWVAJF
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Newport News city	NEWPORT NEWS	NWNWVAHU
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Newport News city	NEWPORT NEWS	NWNWVAYK

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COMPANY	COUNTY	WIRE CENTER	CLLI
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Newport News city	NEWPORT NEWS	NWNWVAHV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Newport News city	NEWPORT NEWS	NWNWVAND
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Norfolk city	NORFOLK	NRFLVAGS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Norfolk city	NORFOLK	NRFLVAWC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Norfolk city	NORFOLK	NRFLVABS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Norfolk city	NORFOLK	NRFLVASP
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Norfolk city	NORFOLK	NRFLVABL
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Norfolk city	NORFOLK	NRFLVAOD
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	NORFOLK	NRFLVAOV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Norton city	NORTON	NRTNVANO
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Lee County	PENNINGTONGAP	PNGPVAPG
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Wise County	PENNINGTONGAP	PONDVAPO
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesterfield County	PETERSBURG	PTBGVACD
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Petenburg city	PETERSBURG	PTBGVAPB
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Portsmouth city	PORTSMOUTH	PTMOVAHS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Portsmouth city	PORTSMOUTH	PTMOVAHF
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Powhatan County	POWHATAN	PWHNAPW
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	New Kent County	PROVIDENCE FORGE	PRFRVAPF
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	New Kent County	QUINTON	QNTNVAQN
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henrico County	RICHMOND	VARNVAVR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesterfield County	RICHMOND	RCMDVACG
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesterfield County	RICHMOND	RCMDVAIT
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Chesterfield County	RICHMOND	RCMDVALS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Richmond city	RICHMOND	RCMDVAHL
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henrico County	RICHMOND	RCMDVAGK
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henrico County	RICHMOND	RCMDVAPS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Richmond city	RICHMOND	RCMDVASR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henriw County	RICHMOND	RCMDVAGY
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Richmond city	RICHMOND	RCMDVAGR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henrico County	RICHMOND	RCMDVARA
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henrico County	RICHMOND	RCMDVAPE
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henrico County	RICHMOND	RCMDVAHS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Richmond city	RICHMOND	RCMDVASN
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henrico County	RICHMOND	RCMDVAHR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Hanover County	RICHMOND	RCMDVATC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Pittsylvania County	RINGGOLD	RNGLVARG
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Hanover County	ROCKVILLE	RKVLVARK
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Lee County	ROSE HILL	RSHLVALE
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Tazewell County	ROSEDALE	LBNNVARD
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Henriw County	SANDSTON	SNTNVASS
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Lee County	ST CHARLES	STCHVASC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Russell County	ST PAUL	STPLVASP
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Bedford County	STONE MOUNTAIN	SNMTVASM
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Suffolk city	SUFFOLK	DRVRVADR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Suffolk city	SUFFOLK	SFFLVASK
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Suffolk city	SUFFOLK	WHVLVAWH
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	James City County	TOANO	TOANVATO
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC. VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	VA BCH	VRBHVAIR
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC. VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	•	VA BCH	VRBHVAIL
	Virginia Beach city		
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	VA BCH	VRBHVASR

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VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	VA BCH	VRBHVACC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	VA BCH	VRBHVAPT
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	VA BCH	VRBHVARC
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	VA BCH	VRBHVAVB
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Bedford County	VINTON	SWVLVASV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	VIRGINIA BEACH	VRBHVACT
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Virginia Beach city	VIRGINIA BEACH	VRBHVAGN
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Sussex County	WAVERLY	WVRLVAWV
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	James City County	WILLIAMSBURG	WLBGVAWM
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Nelson County	WINTERGREEN	WNTRVAWG
VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.	Wise County	WISE	WISEVAWI

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## EXHIBIT D RURAL SERVICE AREAS SERVED

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Rural Service Areas Where ALLTEL Is Licensed			
Company	County	Wire Center	CLLI Code
AMELIATELEPHONE CORP.	Amelia County	AMELIA	AMELVAXA
BUGGS ISLANDTELEPHONE COOPERATI	Mecklenburg County	BAKERVILLE	BCWDVAXA
BUGGS ISLANDTELEPHONE COOPERATI	Mecklenburg County	LACROSSE	BCRGVAXA
BURKE S GARDEN TELEPHONE CO. IN	Tazewell County	BURKESGARDEN	BRGRVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Campbell County	ALTAVISTA	ALTVVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Buckingham County	ARVONIA	ARVNVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Henry County	AXTON	AXTNVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Pittsylvania County	BACHESHALL	BCHLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Henry County	BASSETT	BSSNAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Hanover County	BEAVERDAM	BVRDVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Nonoway County	BLACKSTONE	BLCSVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Fluvanna County	BREMO BLF	FKUNVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Brunswick County	BRODNAX	BRDNVAXA
CENTRALTELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Campbell County	BROOKNEAL	BRKNVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Buckingham County	BUCKINGHAM	BCHMVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Nonoway County	BURKEVILLE	BRVLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Charlottesville city	CHARLOTTESVILLE	CHVLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO. • VIRGINIA	Albemarle County	CHARLOTTESVILLE	CHVLVAXB
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Henry County	COLLINSVILLE	COVLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Nottoway County	CREWE	CREWVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Albemarle County	CROZET	CRZTVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Buckingham County	DILLWYN	DLWYVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Henry County	FIELDALE	FLDLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Campbell County	GLADYS	GLDYVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Hanover County	GUM TREE	GMTRVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Halifax County	HALIFAX	HLFXVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Lunenburg County	KENBRIDGE	KNBRVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Mecklenburg County	LACROSSE	LACRVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Martinsville city	MARTINSVILLE	MTVIVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Hanover County	MONTPELIER	MTPLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Fluvanna County	PALMYRA	PLMYVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Henry County	RIDGEWAY	SPNCVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Henry County	RIDGEWAY	RDWYVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Campbell County	RUSTBURG	RSBGVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Halifax County	S BOSTON	SBTNVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Mecklenburg County	S HL	STHLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Albemarle County	SCHUYLER	SCHLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Fluvanna County	SCOTTSVILLE	SCVLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	•	STANARDSVILLE	SDVLVAXA
	Greene County	TURBEVILLE	TBVLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	HalifaxCounty		VCTAVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Lunenburg County	VICTORIA	-
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Halifax County	VIRGILINA	VRGLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Halifax County	VOLENS	VLNSVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Pittsylvania County	WHITMELL	WHTMVAXA
PEOPLES MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.	Pittsylvania County	GRETNA	GRENAXA
PEOPLES MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.	Pittsylvania County	HURT	HURNAXA
PEOPLES MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.	Pittsylvania County	RENAN	RENNVAXA
PEOPLES MUTUAL TELEPHONE CO.	Pittsylvania County	SANDY LEVEL	SNLVVAXA
SCOTT COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATI	Scott County	CLINCHPORT	CLPNAXA
SCOTT COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERAT!	Scott County	DUFFIELD	DFFDVAXA

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Rural Service Areas Where ALLTEL Is Licensed				
Company	County	Wire Center	CLLI Code	
SCOTT COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATI	Scott County	DUNGANNON	DNGNVAXA	
SCOTT COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATI	Scott County	FORT BLACKMORE	FTBCVAXA	
SCOTT COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATI	Scott County	NICKELSVILLE	NCVLVAXA	
SCOTT COUNTY TELEPHONE COOPERATI	Scott county	WILLIAMS MILL	WLMLVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Washington County	ABINGDON	ABNGVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Wythe County	AUSTINVILLE	ANLVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Bland County	BLAND	BLNDVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Bristol city	BRISTOL	BRSTVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Bland County	CERES	CERSVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Srnyth County	CHILHOWIE	CHLHVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Grayson County	COMERS ROCK	CMRKVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Wythe County	CRIPPLE CRK	CRCKVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Washington County	DAMASCUS	DMSCVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Washington County	DAMASCUS	KNRKVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Grayson County	FRIES	FRISVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Scott County	GATE CITY	GTCWAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Washington County	GLADE SPRING	GDSPVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Grayson County	INDEPENDENCE	INDPVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Srnyth County	MARION	MARNVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Wythe County	MAX MEADOWS	MXMDVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Washington County	MEADOWVIEW	MDVWVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Grayson County	MOUTH OF WILSON	MTWLVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Srnyth County	RICH VALLEY	RCWVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Wythe County	RURAL RETREAT	RRRTVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Srnyth County	SALTVILLE	SLVLVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Srnyth County	SUGAR GROVE	SGGWAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Wythe County	WYTHEVILLE	WYVLVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Carroll County	GALAX - Partial	GALXVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Buchanan County	BIG ROCK	MAXIVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA	TazewellCounty	BLUEFIELD	BLFDVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Tazewell County	BLUEFIELD	PCHNVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Buchanan County	GRUNDY	GRNDVAXB	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Buchanan County	GRUNDY	BGRKVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Buchanan County	HURLEY	HRLWAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Bland County	NARROWS	RCGPVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTHINCVA	Buchanan County	OAKWOOD	OKWDVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Tazewell County	RICHLANDS	RCLDVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Buchanan County	RICHLANDS	JWRGVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	Tazewell County	TAZEWELL	TZWLVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	<b>Buchanan County</b>	VANSANT	BGPRVAXA	
VERIZON SOUTH INCVA	<b>Buchanan County</b>	WHITEWOOD	DWGHVAXA	

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## EXHIBIT E RURAL WIRE CENTERS NOT SERVED

### EXHIBIT E

Rural Wire Centers Where ALLTEL is NOT Licensed				
Company	County	Wire Center	CLLI Code	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Patrick County	ARARAT	ARRTVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Franklin County	BOONESMILL	BNMLVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Buena vista city	BUENAVISTA	BNVSVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Prince Edward County	FARMVILLE	FRVLVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Franklin County	FERRUM	FRRMVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Warren County	FRONT ROYAL	FRRYVAXA	
SENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Rockbridge County	GLASGOW	GLSGVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Rockbridge County	GLASGOW	NTBRVAXA	
SENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Prince Edward County	HAMPDEN-SYDNEY	HMSYVAXA	
SENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Rockbridge County	LEXINGTON	LXTNVAXA	
SENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Page County	LURAY	LURYVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Patrick County	MDWS OF DAN	MDDNVAXA	
SENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Prince Edward County	PROSPECT	PRSPVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Rockbridge County	RAPHINE	BRBGVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Franklin County	ROCKY MT	RCMNAXA	
SENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Page County	SHENANDOAH	SHNDVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Page County	STANLEY	STNLVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Patrick County	STUART	STRNAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Franklin County	UNION HALL	UNHLVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	RappahannockCounty	WASHINGTON	WASHVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Franklin County	WIRTZ	BTCHVAXA	
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Pabick County	WOOLWINE	WLWNVAXA	
JNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE	Carroll County	CANA	CANAVAXA	
JNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Carroll County	GALAX	GALXVAXA	
JNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Carroll County	HILLSVILLE	HLVLVAXA	
JNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE	Carroll County	LAUREL FORK	LRFKVAXA	
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE	Carroll County	SYLVATUS	SYLWAXA	

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CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Franklin County	BOONES MILL	BNMLVAXA
CENTRALTELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Buena vista city	BUENAVISTA	BNVSVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Prince Edward County	FARMVILLE	FRVLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Franklin County	FERRUM	FRRMVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Warren County	FRONT ROYAL	FRRWAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Rockbridge County	GLASGOW	GLSGVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Rockbridge County	GLASGOW	NTBRVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Prince Edward County	HAMPDEN-SYDNEY	HMSWAXA
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CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Page County	LURAY	LURYVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Patrick County	MDWS OF DAN	MDDNVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Prince Edward County	PROSPECT	PRSPVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO. • VIRGINIA	Rockbridge County	RAPHINE	BRBGVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Franklin County	ROCKY MT	RCMTVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Page County	SHENANDOAH	SHNDVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Page County	STANLEY	STNLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Patrick County	STUART	STRTVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Franklin County	UNION HALL	UNHLVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Rappahannock County	WASHINGTON	WASHVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE CO VIRGINIA	Franklin County	WIRTZ	BTCHVAXA
CENTRAL TELEPHONE COVIRGINIA	Patrick County	WOOLWINE	WLWNVAXA
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE	Carroll County	CANA	CANAVAXA
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Carroll County	GALAX	GALXVAXA
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAINTELEPHONE	Carroll County	HILLSVILLE	HLVLVAXA
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE	Carroll County	LAUREL FORK	LRFKVAXA
UNITED INTER-MOUNTAIN TELEPHONE	Carroll County	SYLVATUS	SYLWAXA

## EXHIBIT F HIGH COST CERTIFICATION

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### **EXHIBIT F**

April 14, 2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Room TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Irene Flannery 2120 L Street, N.W. Suite 600 Washington, DC 20037

RE: ALLTEL Communications, Inc.

High Cost Certification Docket **No. 96-45** 

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

On behalf of ALLTEL Communications, Inc., an in connection with its application before the FCC for status as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the State of Virginia, we hereby forward the attached certification for high-cost support under the Universal Service program pursuant to Sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's rules.

Sincerely,

**Glenn S. Rabin** Vice President

Federal Communications Counsel

Enclosure

April 14,2003

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, S.W. Room TW-B204 Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Irene Flannery 2120 L Street, N.W. Suite 600 Washington, DC 20037

RE: ALLTEL communications, Inc., Certification or High Cost Loop Support

Dear Ms. Dortch and Ms. Flannery:

This certification is submitted on behalf of ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL") in connection with its application before the FCC for status as an eligible telecommunications carrier in the State of Virginia and in accordance with Sections 54.313 and 54.314 of the Commission's rules. On behalf of ALLTEL, I hereby certify under penalty of perjury that all high-cost support provided to the Company will be used for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended, pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996.

ALLTEL Communications, Inc

Glenn S. Rabin Vice President

Federal Communications Counsel

Authorized Representative

Date: 1021/14/2003

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## EXHIBIT G ANTI-DRUG CERTIFICATION

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### EXHIBIT G

#### **DECLARATION UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY**

- I, Glenn S. Rabin do hereby declare under penalty of perjury as follows:
- 1. I am the Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel for ALLTEL Communications, Inc. ("ALLTEL")
- 2. To the best of my knowledge, neither ALLTEL nor any of its officers, directors, or persons holding 5% or more of the outstanding stock or shares (voting and/or non-voting) as specified in 1.2002(b) of the Commission's rules are subject to a denial of federal benefits, including FCC benefits, pursuant to Section 5301 of the Anti-Drug Abuse of 1988, 21 U.S.C. § 862.
- 3. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct. Executed on April 14,2003.

Glenn S. Rabin

Vice President, Federal Communications Counsel

ALLTEL Communications, Inc.

### **Certificate of Service**

I, Payquitah W. Johnson, **a** secretary with ALLTEL Corporation, do hereby certify that I have on this 14" day of April, 2003 had a copy of the foregoing APPLICATION OF ALLTEL COMMUNICATIONS, INC. FOR DESIGNATION AS AN ELIGIBLE TELECOMMUNICATIONS CARRIER sent via United State Postal Service to the following:

Ms. Marlene Dortch, Secretary\* Federal Communications Commission 445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW Washington, DC 20004

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445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Ms. Sheryl Todd\*
Telecommunications Access Policy Division
Wireline Competition Bureau
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

Virginia State Corporation Commission Attn: Clerk's Office 1300E. Main Street P. O. Box 1197 Richmond, Virginia 23218

\* Via Hand Delivery

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